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DON SUMMIT
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Dear Mr. Summit:

On November 18, 2002, a surface compliance inspection was conducted at the site of the Nielson Sandstone Quarry. The inspection revealed that approximately 25 acres has thus far been disturbed under your Plan of Operations, which was approved on July 1, 1987. The Plan proposed up to 29 acres of disturbance at the existing quarry, three acres of road, and up to eight acres at a new quarry to be opened up in 2003.

Upon recent review of your Plan, it has come to our attention that the access to the new quarry was never addressed. The road to the current quarry will have to be extended at least 1000 feet to reach the site, and we cannot find the proposed route of the extension on any of the maps submitted with the Plan.

We also could not find in the Plan any proposal to pave the quarry road as was done about five years ago. The Plan called for 3-6" of crushed rock to be applied, as indicated on the attached cross section. Before paving the road, a Plan amendment should have been submitted and approved.

Please amend your Plan to designate the route(s) of any new road(s) you propose to build, and to modify your reclamation

Plan to address the removal and disposal of the asphalt used to pave the existing and any future roads. Also, if your recent exploration projects have revealed information that would cause to change your future plans, this might be a good opportunity to amend your Plan to reflect those changes.

As you are probably aware, the 43 CFR 3809 regulations have changed. We are enclosing a copy of the new regulations with this letter. Please refer to §3809.401(b) for information that must be included with your amendment, in particular §3809.401(b)(1), as it pertains to the BLM serial number(s) of any unpatented mining claims(s) where disturbance my occur. During the period since your Plan was approved, the 13 or so original claims designated in your Plan were abandoned, and there are now only two lode claims within the area of your current and proposed operations, leaving much of it unappropriated. Whereas you are not required to locate mining claims over an area in which you are operating, you might want to consider doing so in order to protect your rights to the minerals.

We have also inspected the sites of your previously mentioned exploration projects, serialized UTU-078265 and UTU-078297. The inspections revealed that the reclamation on these operations is satisfactory, and that these case files can be closed. The surety bond for UTU-078297, in the amount of \$1000, can be released.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheri Wysong at (435)743-3124 or me at (435)743-3125.

Sincerely,

Jerry Mansfield Geologist

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Enclosures

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